

ARKANSAS ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 20, 2008

LOCATION: AR State Police Headquarters
#1 State Police Plaza
ADEQ Training Room
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran Flener, Joe M. Hill, DL Flowers alt. for Colonel Winford Phillips, Chief Ronald Burks alt. for Dan Flowers, Robert A. Parker alt. for Wendy Kelley, Mark Stephen alt. for Major General William D. Wofford, Laura Shue, Kermit Channell, Rick Gallagher, Kent Williams, Joseph Cooper alt. for David Guntharp, Carol Roddy alt. for J.D. Gingerich, Judge Mary Ann Gunn, Hugh Finkelstein alt. for Larry Jegley, Megan Cuddy, Loren Ivener, Dennis Moore, Teresa Belew, J.G. Regnier, Wanda Williams, Sheriff Bobby May, Tammy Harrell alt. for Ken James.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Bishop Woosley, Chief Percy Wilburn, Rick Hart, North Ellison, Deborah Caspall, Rita Shepherd.

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Luckett-- Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
Gene Smith-- Drug Director's Office
Tommie Waters- OADAP Prevention
Sharron Mims- OADAP Prevention
Jill Cox – OADAP Prevention

FRAN FLENER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 2:45 PM.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed for review. After a review of the minutes, Chief Ronald Burks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Wanda Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Law Enforcement Committee Report:** Chief Ronald Burks reported that the Law Enforcement Committee met.
 - A request was made from the 13th Judicial District Drug Task Force to purchase much needed equipment. A letter explaining the need for each equipment item was reviewed by the Committee.
 - The 1st Judicial District DTF requested modification of their budget. The district is requesting that \$8,494.00 (Federal Funds) and \$2,447.00 (State Funds) be transferred from “Equipment” line item to “Maintenance and Operation” line item. The district was to initially purchase a camera system in equipment category, but stated that they were unable to purchase the system proposed at the price. In addition, they wanted to transfer \$3,942.00 (Federal Funds) from “Training and Travel” line item to “Maintenance and Operation” line item, and money for gasoline, maintenance and repair on DTF agents’ vehicles. Currently, the district has not expended any Federal or State dollars in their “Equipment” or “Travel and Training” line items.

A motion was made by Wanda Williams and seconded by Judge Mary Ann Gunn to accept the recommendations of the Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Treatment and Prevention Committee Report:** Joe M. Hill reported that the T& P Committee did meet.
 - Joe M. Hill distributed the Committee’s recommendations for SFY 2009 contract for **UALR, School of Social Work, MidSOUTH**. The total amount of funding is \$166,000.00. The contract is for the 35th Annual Summer School Program. A motion was made by Dennis Moore to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Bobby May. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Joe M. Hill distributed the Committee’s recommendation for the immediate termination of funding to **Dominion Community Development**. The total amount of funding is \$54,700.95. A motion was made by Joe M. Hill to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Kent Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Distribution of Monthly Financial and Utilization Reports:

- **T&P Committee Report:** Joe M. Hill distributed the monthly Providers' Utilization Report. He reported that a majority of the treatment and prevention programs were spending their funds as expected. A motion was made by Chief Ronald Burks and seconded by Tammy Harrell to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Law Enforcement Report:** Chief Ronald Burks distributed the Drug Law Enforcement Program FY 2007 Federal/State Award Expenditure Summary. He reported that there were no unusual activities and that everyone was spending their funds as expected. A motion was made by Rick Gallagher and seconded by Judge Mary Gunn to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPEAL HEARING:**
University of Arkansas at Monticello/Drew County Hometown Health Improvement Coalition

The Drew County Hometown Health Improvement Coalition appealed to the Council to not remove grant funding from their community-based organization. They acknowledged that mistakes had been made on their part, and staff, and felt that if given a second chance, they could do what's expected of the coalition in carrying out the program. Members of the Council raised several questions with the coalition members regarding their Town Hall meetings, who could attend, and who could not attend. The coalition members responded that since the last meeting with the T&P Committee, they have held several meetings to address this specific issue(s). After responding to the various questions raised by the council members, Drew County Coalition concluded their presentation by pleading to the Council for a second chance to operate the program according to the original application.

After a lengthy discussion, the Council voted to uphold the T&P Committee's termination of funding to the **University of Arkansas at Monticello/Drew County Hometown Health**. The total amount of funding is \$ 149, 999.43. A motion was made by Kent Williams to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Tammy Harrell. The motion carried.

Chairman Flener called for a show of hands of those in favor of the motion to terminate. A majority of the members present raised their hands in support of the termination. Carol Roddy voted no to terminate the funding.

- Fran Flener presented to the Council a recommendation to change the time of the meeting from 2:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Megan Cuddy to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Dennis Moore. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Teresa Belew, executive director of MADD announced that April is “Alcohol Awareness Month.” Communities across the county are participating in grassroots effort to highlight the dangers of underage drinking, and identify workable prevention and intervention solutions. In Arkansas, 20 counties are conducting Town Hall Meetings to address this important issue during the first week of April. She also reported on the upcoming Saving Lives: Prevention Underage Drinking Meeting. This meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2008 at the Arkansas State Capitol in the Old Supreme Court (OSC) Room.
- Carol Roddy, State Drug Court Coordinator, reminded the Council of the upcoming Second Annual Statewide Drug Court Conference. The conference is scheduled for April 9-11, 2008 at the Little Rock Crowne Plaza Hotel. She also passed out a team registration form with an attached agenda. The cut-off date for registration of team’s is March 19, 2008.
- Fran Flener announced that she would send out announcements of the location/time for the next Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council meeting, which is scheduled for April 17, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Chief Ronald Burks to adjourn and seconded by Kent Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,
*Denise Luckett***